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AKIHIRO OZEKI

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Application No.: 10/806,334

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For: ELECTRONIC APPARATUS, FUEL TANK UNIT, AND METHOD OF  
CONTROLLING A POWER SUPPLY FOR THE ELECTRONIC APPARATUS

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT CITING APPLICATION  
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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the references listed on the attached PTO-1449. Unless otherwise indicated herein, one copy of each reference is attached. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

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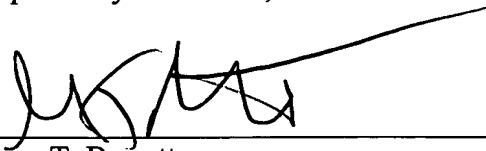
The attached applications identified in the attached Appendix are directed to related technical subject matter. The identification of their U.S. Patent Applications is not to be construed as a waiver of secrecy as to those applications now or upon issuance of the present application as a patent. The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the cited applications and the art cited therein during examination.

A concise explanation of the relevance of the non-English language references appears in the Appendix attached hereto.

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In addition, an English-language Abstracts of the non-English language references are attached hereto.

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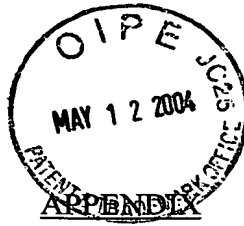
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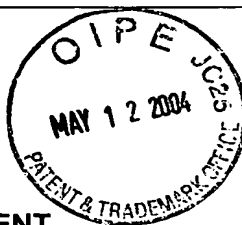
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## **APPENDIX**

### **Concise Explanation**

(1) JP 11-154520 discloses a power supply for an auxiliary unit of a fuel cell. An auxiliary unit power supply enables part of the power generated by the fuel cell to be supplied to an auxiliary unit required for the independent power generation of the fuel cell.

(2) JP 2002 063920 discloses a fuel cell device that prevents water from flowing back into a fuel cell from a water tank even if the device is tilted.



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